RURAL LIBRARIES—DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

206. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the names of Rural Libraries to which grants either in money or in books were given in 1115 and 1116;

(*b*) the amount given to each or the value of books supplied to each may be given;

(*c*) the names of the President and Secretary of each rural library with the community to which they belong;

(*d*) the amount spent by Government in 1115 and 1116 for the purchase of books for these rural libraries;

(*e*) from whom was the purchase of books supplied to these libraries made;

(*f*) whether tenders were called for; or whether the books were purchased at their face value;

(*g*) whether the rural library committee has approved any list of books to be supplied to these rural libraries;

(*h*) if so, who approved this list; whether any notification was made to the publishers to the effect that the committee is going to approve certain books for the use of the rural libraries?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Names of libraries to which grant was given either in money or in books or in both in 1115.—

1	Veliyanad	21	Pullut
2	Vellarapilli	22	Kodakara
3	Palluruthi	23	Kattur
4	Thiruvankulam	24	Pudukad
5	Kanjiramittam	25	Mala
6	Mulavukad	26	Parappukara
7	Narakkal	27	Annanad
8	Ochanthuruth	28	Pariyaram
9	Nayarambalam	29	Muppiliyam
10	Chowwara	30	Muringur
11	Valia Kadamakkudi	31	Poyya
12	Panangad	32	Kizhuthani
13	Southern Chittur	33	Kallettumkara
14	Cherai	34	Adur
15	Maradu	35	Nadavaramba
16	Panambukad	36	Paluvil
17	Kumbalangi	37	Ollur
18	Vyttila	38	Murkanikara
19	Mulanthuruthi	39	Machad
20	Anapuzha	40	Adat

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41	Mundur	58	Chelakkara
42	Arattupuzha	59	Puthuruthi
43	Chettupuzha	60	Thippilisseri
44	Kurkancheri	61	Kuthampilli
45	Manalur	62	Palanji
46	Anthikad	63	Nallepilli
47	Nadathara	64	Aylur—Travelling Library
48	Aranattukara	65	Pudur
49	Choorakattukara	66	Kolinjampara
50	Pattikad	67	Aylur
51	Cheruthuruthi	68	Vallanghi
52	Pengamuck	69	Thottippal
53	Erumapetty	70	Trippunittura
54	Kecheri	71	Vadakkancheri
55	Kadavallur	72	Chennamangalam
56	Perumpilavu	73	Vadakarapathi
57	Desamangalam		

In 1116, grant is being given to all the libraries referred to above, except the Aylur Travelling Library (which has been stopped) and a few libraries which are not working satisfactorily.

In addition to these, grant will be given (in 1116) to the Public Library and Reading Room, Cranganur, the Cosmopolitan Reading Club, Chalakkudi, and 50 new libraries when they are fully formed.

(*b*) In 1115 the value of books supplied to each library came on an average to Rs. 54.
In 1116 the supply is not over.

(*c*) Each Library elects its own President and Secretary. Elections are conducted according to the rules laid down by the Government for the conduct of rural libraries. In 1115 there were 73 libraries and in 1116, 52 more are added to the number. It involves considerable time and trouble to prepare lists of Presidents and Secretaries for these 125 libraries and much more so to inquire and ascertain the communities to which they belong—time and trouble, which it is feared will not commensurate with the benefits accruing therefrom.

(*d*) In 1115 an amount of Rs. 3,672—2—4 was spent. As books are only being purchased for 1116 the exact amount cannot be given now.

(*e*) In 1115 tenders were not called for. Books were purchased from authors and publishers through the Manager, V. V. Publishing House, Ernakulam.

(*f*) This year tenders were called for and arrangements are in progress to supply books to the libraries

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through the successful tenderer (Messrs. V. Sundara Ayyar and Sons, Trichur).

In 1115 books were not purchased at their face value. A margin was left for a reasonable discount on the face value of books.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) The Rural Library Committee. No notification was made but catalogues and price lists were received from well-known publishing firms and book sellers.

CENTRAL AYURVEDIC HOSPITAL—APPOINTMENTS IN

207. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state the names of persons holding appointments in the Central Ayurvedic Hospital, Trichur, their pay and the communities to which they belong? [Kindly note the appointments made in 1115 and 1116.]

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Vide lists placed on the Table.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* From the list placed on the Table, I find that out of the 49 appointments, a very large number, *viz.*, 33 goes to the caste Hindus and about 13, 14 or 15 go to the rest of the people, and in the appointments made in the year 1115 and 1116, there does not appear to be much difference in the view that has been taken by the department. I would request that hereafter, at least the Minister or whoever is responsible for the appointment will pay a greater attention to a fairer and more equitable distribution in the matter of appointments.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Only 4 appointments were made here of which one is a Christian, 2 are Ezhuvas and one a Warrier. I am responsible for the appointments. All the other appointments have been made by the Heads of Departments themselves. Circulars have been issued as far as possible to follow the rules laid down for the guidance of the Staff Selection Board. I shall see that it is enforced more rigorously.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Were there any applications from other people?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* They are all details. Perhaps there may be, or there may not be.

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